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ALLIN URGES CHURCH
TO KEEP PEACE SABBATH

DPS 82082

NEW YORK (DPS, April 1) -- Presiding Bishop John M. Allin has asked Episcopal diocesan bishops to join him in dedicating the Feast of Pentecost as Peace Sabbath.

In a letter dated today, Allin renewed the effort that has claimed much of his attention over the past year and dominated many of his public statements. The brief letter notes the increasingly broad religious base behind the call for peace-making efforts and urges the Church to utilize the growing variety of resources addressing the issue.

His letter is expected to be followed by a packet from the steering committee of the Urban Bishops Coalition which will include material from an interreligious group which is attempting to mobilize Christian and Jewish support over the entire weekend which includes the religious feasts of Shavuoth and Pentecost, as well as the secular Memorial Day holiday.

In his letter, Allin suggests "that the prayers appointed for the day, enriched by the opportunities provided in The Prayer Book, will provide a liturgical, homiletical, and intercessory foundation for this Peace Pentecost.

"You are aware of the many religious organizations providing educational resources on the issue of peacemaking and I commend their efforts to your attention and creative use.

"On May 30, 1982, please join me in invocation of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our search for peace."

The Coalition is also urging participation in two New York City events that will mark the beginning of the second session of the United Nations Disarmament Conference in mid-June. The first is an interfaith service of Witness at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine and the second is a planned mass rally at the UN plaza. Of the former, the Coalition notes: "The visible presence of a number of our bishops at that service could be an eloquent testimony."

At this point, planners anticipate that the rally may be one of the largest seen in New York.

The peacemaking focus gained momentum when Allin brought former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and other internationally known figures before the 1981 House of Bishops meeting; a meeting that issued a strong pastoral letter denouncing reliance on arms and the escalating nuclear arms race.

Soon after that, Allin reinforced the call in a sermon inaugurating the year-long Washington Cathedral 75th Anniversary program. In that sermon, he called on the federal government to challenge the Soviet Union to "a peacemaking race."

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PROVINCE IX SYNOD
ACTS ON CONSULTATION

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PANAMA CITY, Panama (DPS, April 1) -- The future of the Ninth Province of the Episcopal Church -- especially its role in the Anglican Communion -- came under close scrutiny during two related March meetings held here.

The first was a follow-up "Partners in Mission" consultation which devoted much of its attention to the possibility of the dioceses of Province IX separating from the Episcopal Church and reconstituting as an individual body within the Anglican Communion. The second was a provincial synod which -- with some division -- set up the machinery to begin to accomplish that goal.

Participants were present from the dioceses of Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Central and South Mexico, Northern Mexico, Western Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and the Dominican Republic. The extra-provincial dioceses of Costa Rica, Cuba and Puerto Rico were also represented.

"Partners" representatives journeyed to Panama for the consultation from Canada, England, Argentina, Brazil, and the United States. Archbishop G.C.M. Woodroffe of the Province of the West Indies was present, as was Bishop H.H. Jones of Venezuela -- a diocese seeking translation from Woodroffe's jurisdiction to Province Nine.

Political turmoil in Central America cast a grim shadow over the meeting. The Rev. Luis Serrano of El Salvador could not obtain a visa to enter Panama. Concern was expressed by many for the Rev. Atinaldo Carlos and his 16-year-old-son, Kenneth, who have been in prison in Nicaragua since January. A military coup took place in Guatemala while the meeting was in session. Uncertainty and fear about the political scene reflected in conversation and in intersessions, but -- as the Rev. Thomas Anthony of Canada pointed out -- most Latin American participants were fearful of speaking out openly about national political concerns.

The various dioceses reported on statistics, problems, missionary strategy and plans, as did representatives from the "partner" regions. But the overriding concern of the consultation was the series of questions surrounding the possible formation of these dioceses into an independent branch of the Anglican Communion.

A proposed model plan for such an independent province was presented by Bishop Leonardo Romero of Northern Mexico, chairman of an ad-hoc committee that had been appointed for the task. The proposal would have dioceses in the new province grouped into four regions: Mexico, Panama and Central America, Caribbean

Sea, and Ecuador-Colombia. Invitations most likely would be extended to Costa Rica, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Venezuela to come into the new church body.

Some major questions raised by the proposal include continued financial subsidy from the Episcopal Church in the United States, pension provisions for clergy and lay employees, development of constitution and canons and theological education.

Discussion by the whole consultation as well as in small groups revealed mixed feelings about the proposal. One bishop said privately that while he desired to raise no objection to the plan, he could muster no enthusiasm for it either. A lay person observed that "you can be oppressed by those close by as well as by those far away."

As the consultation considered the question of autonomy for the Ninth Province dioceses, the question of continuing support from the Episcopal Church in the United States loomed large. In his sermon during a festive Eucharist, however, Romero noted that the whole Episcopal Church has received many contributions from the Province Ninth dioceses -- and that they should think of contributing more in the years to come.

The Consultation served as a major forum for airing the issue and, when the Synod took it up, participants claimed to see a "general consensus on the question of autonomy" -- in the words of the Rt. Rev. Francisco Reus-Froylan of Puerto Rico -- in the 19-12 vote of approval.

Synod moved from that basic step to establishing an autonomy committee and preparing a resolution asking General Convention action on the plan. A covenant will need to be worked out and close coordination maintained with the Anglican Consultative Council.

In other actions the synod elected the Rt. Rev. Leonardo Romero of Northern Mexico, as its president and the Rt. Rev. Telesforo Isaac of the Dominican Republic as its vice president.

Ramiro Chavez a lay leader of the Diocese of El Salvador and vice president of Banco Salvadoreño, was elected as the Ninth Province's lay representative to the Executive Council.

The Synod also recommended admitting Venezuela as an extra provincial diocese of the province, subject to the approval of General Convention. Until now, Venezuela has been part of the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

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BISHOP ALLIN ADDRESSES
LUTHERAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

DPS 82084

NEW YORK (DPS, April 1) -- The 1982 conventions of three Lutheran bodies and -- of the Episcopal Church -- will be asked to approve closer relationships with each other, described as "the first positive step" in decades of dialogues between Lutherans and other communions.

Recommended for action are proposals calling for mutual recognition of the respective church bodies, interim eucharistic hospitality, provision for joint worship, cooperation in publication of dialogue materials, sharing of physical facilities and authorization of a third series of Lutheran-Episcopal dialogues.

There was an outburst of applause when the Executive Council of the Lutheran Church in America approved the resolutions for convention action in mid-March. And the Rev. Dr. James R. Crumley Jr., bishop of North America's largest Lutheran body, commented:

"I cannot begin to tell how pleased I am. This is a significant step in Lutheran history. It is the first time we have responded positively to the several dialogues in which we have engaged."

The Rt. Rev. John M. Allin, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, addressed the Council members at dinner following the March 12 action and said "I rejoice at the growing fellowship."

Allin said, "We have come to realize we have more and more in common" and added "No one of us in the Christian community was capable of meeting the needs and it was imperative of us that we begin to work together for the sake of bringing life, justice and those other vital qualities reflected clearly in him who is the Gospel."

The U.S. Lutheran-Episcopal dialogue had six meetings in the first series from 1969 to 1972. The second series was held from 1976 to 1980, with the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches agreeing on the recommendations now ready for convention consideration. This fall the conventions of the three Lutheran Churches and the Episcopal Church will consider the same recommendations.

Crumley noted that several Lutheran and Episcopal congregations already are engaging in joint activities.

He said the requested third series of dialogues could resolve questions that eventually would lead to "full communion," or altar and pulpit fellowship.

Under the "interim sharing of the Eucharist," bishops of dioceses of the Episcopal Church and bishops/presidents of the Lutheran districts/synods would mutually agree to regulations to permit the common celebration. Under these agreements the

eucharistic prayer would be from either the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, or the *Book of Common Prayer*.

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Picture Caption

#82084 The Rt. Rev. John M. Allin, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, addressed the Lutheran Church in America's Executive Council at its March meeting in New York. (LCA Photo).

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RETIRED EPISCOPAL
BISHOP HONAMAN DIES

DPS 82085

HARRISBURG, Penn. (DPS, April 1) -- The Rt. Rev. Earl M. Honaman, retired suffragan bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, died March 17, at Landis Homes in Lititz after a lengthy illness.

Honaman became the first and only suffragan bishop of the diocese in 1956, serving in that post until his retirement in 1969.

A native of Lancaster, Honaman was born April 13, 1904, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Honaman. He was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and attended General Theological Seminary in New York in 1925. Both schools awarded him honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees.

He graduated cum laude from Philadelphia Divinity School in 1928. Ordained to the priesthood in 1928, Honaman served in six parishes located in Harrisburg, Mechanicsburg, Bloomsburg, Carlisle and York before he was consecrated a bishop.

An Army reserve chaplain since 1934, he was called to active duty in 1941 as a chaplain with the 28th Division, serving until 1945. He earned the Bronze Star medal during World War II and was promoted to the post of division chaplain. He returned to active duty in 1950 and served one year before turning to the parish ministry.

The Rt. Rev. Dean T. Stevenson, diocesan bishop, upon learning of Honaman's death, said, "Bishop Honaman was a caring and effective priest, bishop, servant and soldier. His years of active ministry spanned more than 40 years as he served in just about every post in the diocese. He was called upon many times to serve on provincial and national church committees. His deep faith, keen intellect and strong courage have been an example for the whole church."

Honaman is survived by his wife, Mary Shenk Honaman; one son, W. Frederick Honaman of Tokyo, Japan; two grandsons, Andrew Honaman of Yemen, Arab Republic and Walter Honaman, a Junior at Franklin and Marshall. He is preceded in death by one son, Walter H. Honaman, and one grandson, Stephen I. Honaman.

A memorial service was conducted March 22, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Lancaster.

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SEABURY BOOKS COVER
WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS

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NEW YORK (DPS, April 1) -- Homiletics, the Psalter, spiritual journeys and the Eucharist are subjects embraced in five books that the Seabury Press, an Episcopal Church publisher, is issuing in May.

The Spiritual Life: Learning East and West, is an exploration in dialogue of the various traditions of spirituality that have enhanced the prayer lives of authors the Rev. John H. Westerhoff and the Rev. John D. Eusden. The two aim for a spiritual life in which the "passion for personal experience and fulfillment is not estranged from a passion for social justice and dignity for all."

Both men -- Westerhoff is an Episcopalian, and Eusden is a minister of the United Church of Christ -- are university religion professors. Their book will be available for \$10.95.

Embracing the Exile: Healing Journeys of Gay Christians is the personal story of John E. Fortunato, a Washington psychotherapist and president of Integrity International, the Episcopal organization that ministers with the homosexual community. Fortunato's book will be published for \$11.95.

The Rev. John Kater has collaborated once again with poet/illustrator Nancy Willard in *Another Letter of John to James* in which a curious young Christian's questions about Sunday morning and the central act of Christian worship are answered. The small paperback for parents and children will be available for \$4.95.

In *Sermon Struggles*, the Rev. Earnest Hunt of New York's Church of the Epiphany, lays out four methods of sermon preparation -- illustrated from his own preaching -- in a 156-page paperback book that will sell for \$8.95.

Patterns of Prayer in the Psalms, is the work of a Roman Catholic priest and theologian, the Rev. Laurence Dunlop, who contends that the psalms reflect the "prayers of real people full of imperfections and contradictions that we sometimes prefer to forget or ignore." The volume will sell for \$9.95.

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PENSIEVES

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By The Ven. Erwin M. Soukup
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Note: The following items are for use by diocesan editors as fillers or commentary on the Church scene. They may be used in part or in total. All that is asked is that a tag line be used: Pensieves, Chicago.

Poor King Charles I. He not only lost his head in 1694, he lost the vote, according to Lee Hickling, editor of *The Virginia Churchman*. During a debate in Virginia's Annual Council, a proposal would have asked The General Convention and the Standing Liturgical Commission "to include January 30, a feast day of Charles Stewart, King and Martyr" on the Church's calendar. Pro-inclusion adherents noted that, in England, Charles is "blessed." Anti's objected to Charles' insistence on the divine right of kings. Bishop Robert Hall, Diocesan, observed that "George is from Ireland." Charles lost, 140-156.

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No Comment Department:

- Network to Educate for World Security points out that U.S. taxpayers pay 13 times more for subsidized Pentagon dining than they do for school lunches;
- One hundred militant Protestants shouted the Archbishop of Canterbury out of the pulpit in Liverpool last month to protest the visit in May of Pope John Paul II to England;
- Bishops and deputies to The General Convention in New Orleans next September will be accommodated mostly in the Hilton Hotel which charges \$55 per night. The working press has been assigned to the Marriott which charges \$66. Nearby maisonettes are available for as little as \$40 per night;
- All three TV networks and the Public Broadcasting System have used closed-captioning to permit the deaf to follow dialogue on the major popular series programs. They have encouraged the hearing impaired to purchase unscramblers, at \$240 each, to read the captions. Now NBC has announced it will discontinue closed captioning.
- The Joint Educational Development Office in Atlanta has issued a four-page guideline on the use of inclusive language for worship leaders. Among its suggestions are the use of "Midwife" or "Ground of Being" in referring to God, "Fiery" in describing the Holy Spirit, and to "avoid reference to God exclusively in male terms...."

Comment: Shades of Rudolph Otto!

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FUND GRANTS
AID VICTIMS

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NEW YORK (DPS, April 1) -- Salvadoran refugees on the West Coast and victims of floods in Indiana and a cyclone in Tonga are the recipients of emergency grants in late March by the Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

The largest amount, \$15,000, was sent to the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana in response to an appeal by Bishop William C.R. Sheridan. In Ft. Wayne and vicinity 8,000 persons were made temporarily homeless and property damage topped \$20 million, according to the bishop. Sheridan described the situation in that area as "horrendous."

The grant included \$10,000 for direct relief to those who were displaced by the floods plus \$5,000 to provide assistance for refugees in the area who were affected.

The diocese had an additional \$30,000 which had been raised or received from other sources to help in its ministry. Also, some \$15,000 in food and clothing had been donated.

On the other side of the world the Fund provided an emergency grant of \$10,000 to assist victims of Cyclone Isaac in Tonga. Bishop Jabez L. Bryce of the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia in the Church of the Province of New Zealand -- in whose area Tonga lies -- made an appeal for assistance through Episcopal Bishop Edmond L. Browning of Hawaii.

Hard hit by the cyclone were Vava'u, H'Apri and the Tongatapu island groups.

A third grant was made to the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles for its Salvadoran Refugee Project at St. Clement's Church in Huntington Park. This grant, in the amount of \$3,500, will enable the project to continue to provide emergency social services to refugees from El Salvador.

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